

DREDGING WATERS FOR THE VICTIMS OF NIGHT DISASTER

Unable to Determine How the Minnesota's Launch Was Lost.

COAT AND CAPE FOUND AT SEA

Sailors Pick Up Part of Canvas from Launch, and Admiral Evans Certain Eleven Men Were Drowned. Report Not Verified.

NORFOLK, VA., June 12.—Through-out the day and up to a late hour to-night, under the direction of officers of the fleet, the bottom of Hampton Roads was dredged by the sailors, in the hope of bringing up additional evidence of the launch disaster of Monday night. Beyond the canvas canopy and a coat and a cap, already reported, there were no results.

While it is understood that an investigation has been ordered, no arrangements have been perfected for it and no statement has been made as to its trend. In fact, it is admitted that unless some clue is secured indicating who was responsible for the accident, the investigation will be useless. In maritime circles it is not believed that any steamer or vessel that fouled the launch is aware of it. The night was rough, a drizzling rain and imperfect lights on the launch are believed to be responsible.

Certain the Men Are Dead.

Admiral Evans to-day admitted that there could be no further question of the disaster occurred. The finding of the portion of the canopy of the launch and the coat and cap that has confirmed to him the supposition that the launch went down and all on board were lost. While Virginia Day was celebrated in, in order not to break the program arranged in advance, the navy officers have declined all new invitations to participate in festivities and celebrations, and the ball game between the army and navy, scheduled for this afternoon, was called off.

Still Work on Theories.

While there has been no direct statement which would indicate the exact manner in which the young men were lost, old and new theories have been thrashed out here by naval officers to-day, but until the launch is found or the bodies recovered it will be impossible to tell with any degree of certainty just what the disaster occurred. The most persistent report during the day was that the launch had been caught and cut to pieces by a tug towing a barge in Hampton Roads, but so far no vessel has reported the accident to the government authorities. The possibility that the midshipmen and seamen were picked up by an outgoing steamer is hardly tenable, as wireless messages, in view of the anxiety which must be felt, would have been sent in to the fleet. Unless the launch was wrecked in the choppy seas, it may have been upset by a ship without the fact being known to those on board. In that event, no opportunity would have been given the occupants to save themselves, as the canvas was securely fastened as a protection against the elements. Naval officers are unable to say whether an credence may be placed in the report concerning the destruction of the launch by a tug and barge.

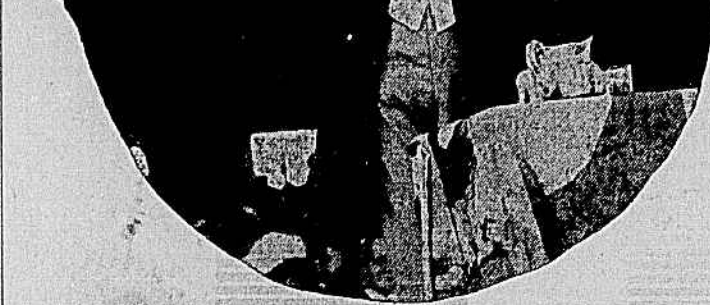
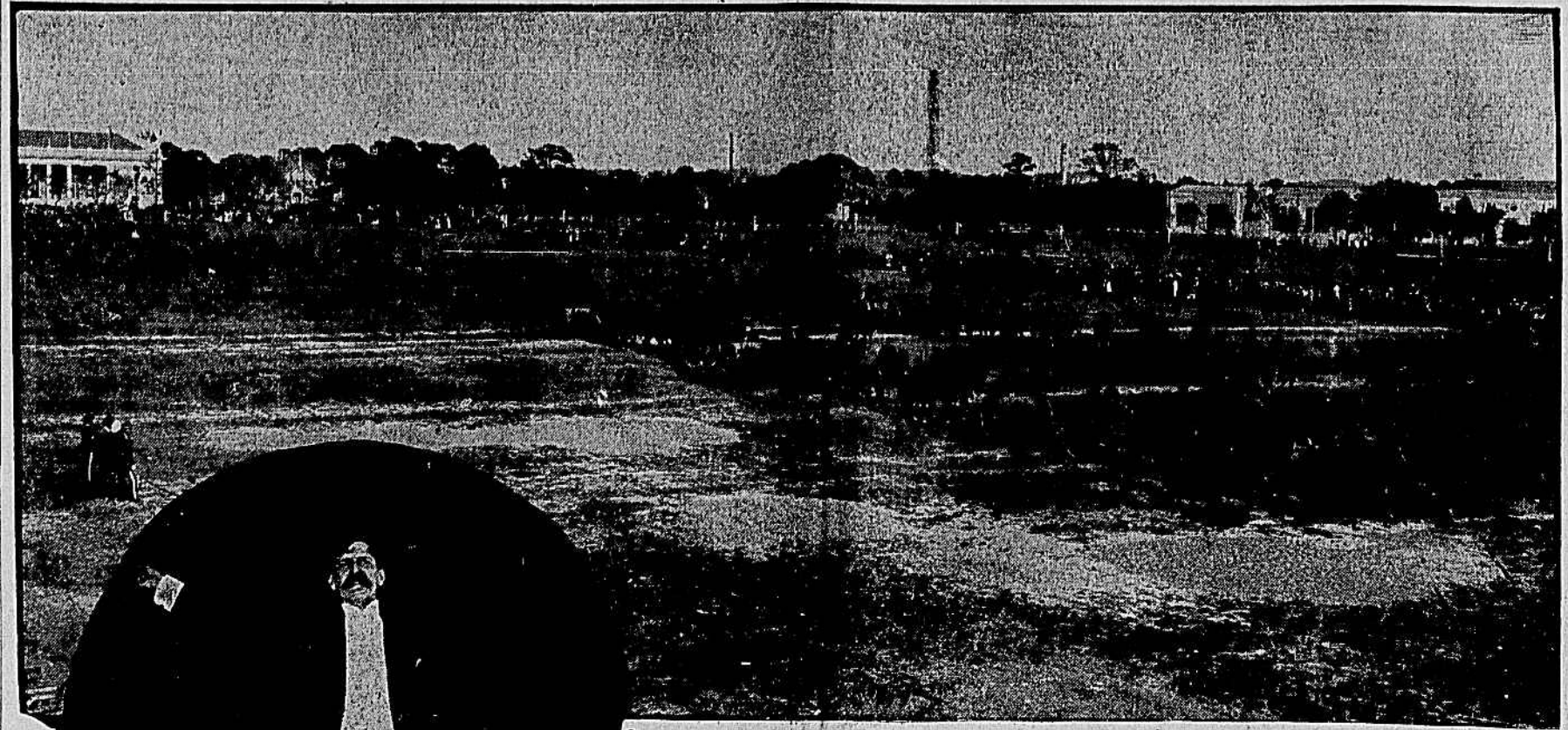
Running Down Rumors.

As is usually the case in such matters all sorts of rumors have been abroad, but in not a single instance has it been possible to trace to the source or origin for verification. It was common talk to-day that passengers on one of the excursion steamers, carrying crowds to view the illuminations, had reported that a bumping noise and jar indicated that the vessel had struck some object in the darkness. Supervising Instructor of Steam Vessels Oast said, however, that all of the excursion boats had tied up at their landings before the Minnesota's launch had steamed away from Discovery Landing at the Jamestown Exposition pier, and for that reason he is certain that this could not have happened. Inspector Oast expressed the opinion that the launch was not in collision, but was wrecked by the heavy seas.

To Continue Dredging.

None of the high officials of the navy has received any report bearing on the manner in which the young men were lost, and about the only thing absolutely certain is that all were drowned. The roads will be dredged, especially along the route which the launch is supposed to have taken, but with the high seas rolling it was undoubtedly carried out of its regular course. Late to-night the statement was made that the dredging

TRAVEL-STAINED HOWITZERS IN PARADE, CYNOSURE OF ALL EYES AND GOVERNOR CLAUDE A. SWANSON DELIVERING STIRRING ADDRESS



SECRETARY OF NAVY SAFE ON DOLPHIN

Admiral Evans Wires That News to Department at Midnight.

WASHINGTON, June 12.—After a night of conflicting reports regarding the whereabouts of Secretary of the Navy Metcalf and party, Rear-Admiral Evans to-night apparently settled all doubts by the statement that Secretary Metcalf had returned to the Dolphin to-day, and that the Dolphin, with the secretary and party aboard, will leave for Washington Thursday morning.

Admiral Evans stated that he had a conference to-day with Secretary Metcalf regarding the investigation of the launch disaster, but did not indicate where the conference was held. No statement on the subject was given out. All attempts to-night to get the naval vessels in Hampton Roads to answer wireless telegraph calls were fruitless.

Thinks He Saw the Maple.

What is supposed to have been the lighthouse tender Maple, on which Secretary of the Navy Metcalf made a trip up the James River from Hampton Roads, was reported as lying at anchor just below Harrison's Bar, thirty-five miles east of Richmond, about 3 P. M. yesterday.

First Officer Simmons, of the Old Dominion steamer Brandon, which came up from Norfolk yesterday, stated that he saw a lighthouse tender which he thought was either the Violet or the Jessamine, lying at anchor at the point stated. Mr. Simmons said that the tender appeared to be afloat and lying unpowered at anchor as he sighted her in passing. If she was aground or disabled in any way she gave no indication of it.

As the Maple, Violet and Jessamine are all tenders, and of the same type and general appearance, the vessel sighted is believed to have been the Maple.

Colonel Buford Better.

The condition of Colonel A. S. Buford, who was taken ill in New York, where he was called to the bedside of his daughter, Mrs. Fred Nolting, is reported as being much improved.

All the Richmond members of the family are now in New York.

Running Policy Shop.

B. T. Rollins (colored) was fined \$20 and given a day in jail by Justice Churchill yesterday for conducting a policy shop. He went to jail in default of the fine and to serve the sentence.

ROOSEVELT NOW AT OYSTER BAY HOME

Crowd at Station to Greet and Welcome the President.

OYSTER BAY, June 12.—President Roosevelt and party arrived at Oyster Bay at 5:03 P. M. after a successful trip from Washington. He was greeted at the station by many of the residents of the village, and went to Sagamore Hill. When the train drew in here the station platform was thronged with neighbors, who extended Oyster Bay's usual demonstrative welcome.

After the President had embraced Archie and Quentin, who sprang into his arms in the car door, his next words were to his neighbors, who crowded about him.

"Well, I am glad to be here," was the exclamation which opened the President's little chat with the villagers. He stepped at once to the platform. As usual, the reception committee was headed by former Sheriff Johnson and Editor Cheney. But the youngsters of the town seemed to have formed a plan of their own, and as they pressed around in scores, the President gave them his immediate attention. Grasping one diminutive hand after another, the President said, with unmistakable pride: "There is certainly no evidence of race suicide in Oyster Bay." Then he reached over and picked up a tot who was hugging a little brown object, saying: "And you've a real Teddy bear."

After both the President and Mrs. Roosevelt had shaken hands with every one, the family entered a carriage and were driven to Sagamore Hill. A chorus of cheers followed them.

ONE WAS TAKEN AND OTHERS LEFT

Three Boys Sleeping in Bed—One Was Killed by Lightning. Others Unhurt.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] BLUEFIELD, W. VA., June 12.—During the violent electrical storm which passed over this section Tuesday night the eight-year-old son of R. I. Hoke, a farmer, living near Pappeton, the county seat, was struck by lightning while asleep in bed with his two younger brothers, and died three hours after from the effects; neither of the other children was injured. The news reached Bluefield to-day when relatives were notified.

ORCHARD ADDS TO HIS GHASTLY TALE

Forced to Admit That He Was Going to Kidnap Boy for Ransom.

KILLING OF STEUNENBERG

BOISE, IDAHO, June 12.—The defense to-day carried on the examination of Harry Orchard down to the actual crime charged against William D. Haywood—the murder of former Governor Frank Steunenberg. The Steunenberg crime was reached at mid-day, and counsel for the defense directed their efforts to an attempt to cloud the early purposes and movements of Orchard with uncertainty and indefiniteness. Then they emphasized the abandonment of all effort to kill after Orchard first tracked Steunenberg to a hotel in Boise, and with a skeleton key had gained entrance to the room in which the Governor was living. Here they delayed for a moment to prove that Orchard twice wrote and once telephoned to Bill Easterly, at Silver City, to urge him to come and join in the crime, and the direct implication was that Orchard was endeavoring to inveigle another Federation man into the crime, which would bring discredit and dishonor to the organization.

To Kidnap for Ransom.

Then the witness was carried over his long journey into North Idaho, and his crimes there, including a plot to kidnap and hold for ransom Paulson's child, were emphasized. Orchard swore that David Coates, formerly Lieutenant-Governor of Colorado, and late a publisher in Wallace, Idaho, first suggested the kidnapping to Pettibone and himself at Denver. Paulson, once a poor miner, had made a fortune in the Hercules mine, in which Orchard held an interest when the property was not paying, and it was believed that if his children were stolen he would "come through with \$50,000 or \$60,000 in ransom."

Get Simpkins.

Orchard said that when he went to North Idaho he got Jack Simpkins to enter the plot, and together they went to Coates to plot the scheme. Coates was asked to stand up, and Orchard said he was the man. Orchard was then asked whether he had not himself proposed the crime to Coates, who immediately rebuffed him, and whether Jack Simpkins had not warned Paulson the minute he heard of the plot. Orchard denied both suggestions; and reiterating his first story, he insisted that Coates had consented to stay in the plot and handle the money they hoped to get from Paulson.

Series of Mean Crimes.

Then the defense showed the witness in the commission of a series of mean crimes, and reduced to poverty, in

(Continued on Third Page.)

MAYOR SCHMITZ GOT THE MONEY, SAYS ABE RUEF

Paid Him \$2,500 as His Share in San Francisco Restaurant Graft.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., June 12.—When the Schmitz trial was resumed to-day, with Abraham Ruef on the stand, court overruled the objection of the defense to the question that was pending when court adjourned yesterday. The question was: "Did you in 1905, in the house at 2849 Fillmore Street, give this defendant, Eugene E. Schmitz, \$2,500 in currency?"

Ruef replied in the affirmative. Ruef said that when he gave \$2,500 to Schmitz he told the Mayor it was his (Schmitz) share of the \$5,000 that had been received from the French restaurant. Ruef testified that he had in January, 1906, given to Schmitz \$1,500, telling the Mayor that French restaurant keepers had paid a second installment amounting to \$2,000. On cross-examination Ruef said that Assistant District Attorney Hency and Detective Burns had promised that if he made a full statement in testifying in the Schmitz case they would do what they could to secure leniency for him.

DORY DRIFTED, BUT MEN SAVED

Seamen from Destroyer Warden Were Not Drowned at Sea.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

NORFOLK, VA., June 12.—The two men and a gasoline launch from the torpedo-boat destroyer Warden, reported missing, were found to-night. The dory was last seen around New-Port News yesterday afternoon, and it was supposed that the men aboard had been drowned, but it became disabled, drifted away, and was picked up and towed back to port. The men were Charles S. Flint, a machinist's mate, and H. Miller, a seaman. A general alarm had been sent out for them to-night.

DENTISTS FINISH TO-DAY.

Tooth Carpenters Will Be Required to Put in Fillings.

The examination of the applicants for permission to practice dentistry in Virginia, which was begun Tuesday at the Medical College of Virginia, was concluded yesterday afternoon so far as the theoretical work of the young dentists is concerned. To-day the prospective tooth-pullers will be given an opportunity to demonstrate their ability to do practical work. Every applicant will be required to put in a filling in the presence of the examiners. Each student has secured his subject and put in the temporary filling, and each will in turn put in the permanent filling to-day. The work will be done as rapidly as the number of chairs at the two colleges will permit.

W. M. Mitchell Better.

William M. Mitchell, who attempted to commit suicide by shooting himself Tuesday morning at his home, No. 3816 Seventh Street, Fulton, was reported last night to be doing very well at the Virginia Hospital, where he was taken by Dr. Williamson after his attempt on his life. He is expected to recover.

COLLEGE CLOSES SUCCESSFUL YEAR

Seventy-Fifth Session of Richmond Institution Best in Its History.

PORTRAIT OF DR. RYLAND

The seventy-fifth year of Richmond College closed last night, after the most successful session in the history of the college. A large and brilliant audience overfilled the college chapel and liberally applauded the various features of the program. The thoughtful addresses of Dr. Potat, the presentation of medals and degrees, and the unveiling of a portrait to the Rev. C. H. Ryland, D. D., treasurer of the college, were the distinct features of the evening.

On the platform were the faculty and members of the board of trustees. In special seats to either side were the members of the graduating class in their caps and gowns, trying to maintain a serious visage throughout the exercises. Dr. F. W. Boatwright presided, and the evening closed with general congratulations on the successes of the year's work.

Medals Presented.

Dr. B. Cabell Henning represented the literary societies of the college and presented their annual medals, the writer's medal going to W. J. Young, of Louisville, Ky., and the orator's medal to J. B. Miller.

Dr. A. L. Phillips, in a highly humorous address, which was thoroughly appreciated, presented the "James D. Crump" medal in mathematics to Henry H. George, third, and the Rev. E. L. Grace presented the Tanner medal to Greek to Harry M. Bowllig. Announcements as to the society medals, which had unfortunately not come from the jewelers, were made, and the medalists introduced to the audience. In the Philologist Society the best debatory medal fell to R. L. Beale, the reader's medal to A. O. Edmondson, and the medal for improvement in debate to E. W. Grant. In the Mu Sigma Rho Society the best debater's medal fell to W. O. Crockett and the declaimer's medal to T. C. Selby.

Address of Dr. Potat.

President Boatwright introduced the principal speaker of the evening, President W. L. Potat, LL. D., of Wake Forest College, North Carolina.

Dr. Potat made a thoughtful and well-prepared address on "The Place of the Christian College in the Life of To-day." Although his address lasted for more than an hour, he received close attention, and his happy illustrations and well-told anecdotes brought out round after round of applause from the student body and visitors.

In graphic style Dr. Potat reviewed the history of the seventy-five years during which the college has done its

(Continued on Ninth Page.)

"VIRGINIA DAY" MET EVERY WISH OF PATRIOTIC THRON

Sunshine Drives Away Clouds and Day Almost Ideal.

GOVERNOR SPEAKS; SPLENDID PARADE

These, With Brilliant Reception at Virginia Building and Spectacular Illumination of Fleet at Night, Were Features of Day—Address and Poem.

[Special From a Staff Correspondent.]

JAMESTOWN EXPOSITION GROUNDS, VA., June 12.—Virginia Day at the Jamestown Exposition was a success in every sense of the word, for in honor of the occasion, the seashore giving "Swanson weather," great crowds flocked to the grounds from every section of the State. His Excellency made a notable speech, Dr. Thomas Nelson Page read an excellent poem, and the 60,000 people present witnessed a military parade, which exceeded in brilliancy the one which passed before the President Monday.

Rain had fallen steadily for two days, and early this morning black clouds hovered over the Exposition Grounds, giving evil promise of dismal weather. Up to 10 o'clock the weather held to its "wet" appearance, and then when every one was in despair the sun came out brightly and the weather could not have been better had it been arranged by Captain Baker, of the Virginia Commission. The fact that the morning was cloudy, however, kept thousands away, and instead of 60,000 there would have been not less than 100,000 had the morning been less threatening.

WORLD, HIS WIFE AND HIS CHILDREN ON HAND

Despite the unpromising weather and a Scotch mist, which saddened the early hours, people began to pour into the Exposition Grounds by 7 o'clock, coming in hundreds and thousands, and literally blocking the sea-side drive, which runs between the State buildings and Hampton Roads. The world and his wife and his children were in evidence, and the Virginia Building seemed to be the esplanade of the world, for which they were bound.

So dense became the throng of people eager to visit the Virginia Building that Governor Swanson was forced to send to General Vaughan, commanding the brigade, asking that twenty men be ordered to report for duty at the Virginia State Building in order that the crowd might be directed in a proper manner. The men came from the three regiments, the Blues and the artillery, and all day long the crowd surged through the building.

The early hours of the day passed without incident, the crowd finding abundant amusement in visiting the various buildings and seeing the sights on the Warpath. At midday the unexpected and unforeseen happened, for the Richmond Howitzers, the crack artillery command under Captain Myers, reached camp and were given a royal welcome.

Perhaps never before in the regular or volunteer artillery has such a march been made under such unfavorable circumstances.

The Howitzers marched 128 miles in five days, or nearly 28 miles a day, over rough roads, in horrible weather, and with horses untired. The feat was remarkable, and in honor of the achievement General Grant allowed the command to appear in the great parade in khaki uniform, the men not having time to change. The Howitzers were the only command in khaki, all the other troops being in full dress.

This concession from General Grant, given through General Vaughan, was in itself a high compliment, and the Howitzers cheered heartily when Captain Myers announced the order.

The boom of seventeen guns from the artillery camp announced that Governor Swanson had entered Camp John Smith with General Grant, with whom he lunched officially at 1 o'clock. This was the official opening of Virginia Day, and from that time on the Governor was the head and front of the occasion.

Everywhere men, women and children carried Virginia flags, and wore ribbons of gold and blue, supposed to be the colors of the State.

"FIGHTING BOB" HELPS

Admiral Evans was early on hand to assist the Governor, and the success of the day is in part due to "Fighting Bob," who kept his word, and landed 8,000 sailors and marines from the warships, because he said he wanted to see his native State make the best showing of the exposition.

Following the reception at Camp Captain John Smith, the Governor and

SIX MIDSHIPMEN AND ONE OF THE SEAMEN WHO WERE DROWNED IN HAMPTON ROADS LATE MONDAY NIGHT



HERBERT LEANDER HOLDEN. PHILIP HENRY FIELD. WALTER CARL ULRICH. R. H. DODGSON, Seaman. WILLIAM HOLLISTER STEVENSON. HENRY CLAY MURFIN, JR. FRANKLIN PORTEOUS HOLCOMB.